ED STATES PATENT AND TRADMARK OFFICE 09/905 623 Art Unit: 2876 Filing Date: 7/13/2001 Examiner: Kovama, Kumiko Inventor: Smart Asakawa PRINT FOR PAY PRINTER Title: TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 Confirmation No.: 3732 Attorney Docket: 10011919-1 Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

REMARKS

Responsive to Office Action Dated 11/20/2002

The Examiner has found the Oath or Declaration to be defective. The Examiner has requested that a new Oath or Declaration be provided. More particularly, the Examiner has stated that the Oath or Declaration is defective because: "it does not state that the person making the Oath or Declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56."

Applicant's representative discussed this issue with the Examiner by telephone February 13, 2003. The Examiner, upon reviewing the file informed applicant's representative by telephone message of February 14, 2003 that the Oath or Declaration in the present application in fact does contain an appropriate statement regarding a duty to disclose according to 37 CFR 1.56. In the telephone message of February 14, 2003, the Examiner has indicated that no new Oath or Declaration is required in response to the outstanding Office Action.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the indication of defect relative to the Oath or Declaration be removed.

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